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- 1. Activity in the Porkkala area during August was approximately the same as during the preceding summer months; defense work goes on at about the same pace, and training exercises have been concentrated mainly on artillery firing. New areas of activity appear constantly, and needed material and equipment are being brought into Porkkala. One train, for example, was ascertained to have carried forty new concrete mixers for use in the area. In fact, concrete mixers are in use over a widespread area, with the result that the concrete fortifications now are almost limitless and extend nearly to the border. The fortified zone is estimated to be five kilometers wide, at least in areas adjacent to roads and highways.
- 2. No large warships have been observed in the Porkkala waters, but numerous smaller craft have been sighted. On 16 and 17 August, for example, thirteen light warships six mine sweepers and seven armored patrol motorbats arrived from the direction of Tallinn. These craft came to within a 500 meter distance of Porkkala and on both days engaged in trial runs and other exercises. These maneuvers were in some manner connected with the Naissari fort. On the evening of 17 August another vessel joined the warships; this vessel resembled a destroyer, but darkness prevented definite identification.
- 3. Air activity has been unusually lively, but only light planes, flying singly, in pairs, or in groups of three, have been observed.
- 4. Highway traffic to the area in August has been brisk, due to the fact that increasing numbers of diplomats come to Porkkala on fishing trips. Long distance traffic, that is traffic between Viipuri and Porkkala, has been unusually quiet, and the August traffic consisted of but five trucks and one automobile.

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	seen in the area, was a passenger in the latter vehicle.	100 providual	
٤	5. The August railway traffic has been noticeably slower, due to the timber exports from Finland in August dropped to one third of the months' transport. Three hundred fifty-six closed carriages and open carriages entered the area in August. The freight in the oringes consisted chiefly of various types of long poles such as utilized in harbor and other construction work.	e previous only 162 pen car-	
	6. Eleven tanks were reported to have been shipped to the Porkkala July, but further reports indicate that the figure is even great been ascertained that another heavy train entered the area in Ju coaches which made up this train were similar to the ones which the tanks, and it appears probable that the contents of the secon were the same. Precise information as to the number of carriage second train is lacking. In any event, the trucks and tanks tra Porkkala during the past summer definitely increase the attacking.	er. It has ly: the contained nd train s on the nsported to g potential	OX1-HUN
	of the troops stationed there.		

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